

**City of Bloomington  
Telecommunications Council  
Business Meeting – April 3, 2012**

**Common Council Chambers  
City Hall at the Showers Building  
401 N. Morton St.**

**I. Members Present:** Eric Ost, Carl Zager, & Duane Busick

**II. Public Comment**

Lennon Beasley

\*Produced 106 programs for March

\*Set a new record

\*4 new series

\*1765 programs produced all together

Council recommended that Lennon look into his own YouTube channel, so people can view his programs anytime.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

Duane motioned to accept the March minutes. Motion was seconded by Carl. Question was called, all were in favor. There were no corrections or additions.

**IV. Reports and Announcements**

**1. Telecom Members:**

**Carl (*Report*)**

- Paid respects to Ellen Brantlinger, an influential and local educator, active in supporting children's rights, and equitable communication within MCCSC.
- Paid respects to Ruth Beck, early pioneer and personal business in computing within the Bloomington Community. She was very active in helping businesses getting their computing systems up and going.
- On 4/14<sup>th</sup>, CATS will be covering a community conversation to be held at the YMCA on Saturday afternoon from 2-4pm. Topic I-READ 3 and other high stakes testing.

**Eric (*Report*) –**

- As far as filling positions on the council, there has been one interview conducted.
- I had an informal meeting with Matt Pierce and a member of the city council. It was a productive meeting, and helpful information was exchanged.
- I was also contacted by another member of city council in regards to the BDU (Bloomington Digital Underground) and its future.

**2. CATS – Michael White**

\*Monthly programming

\*Mentioned congrats to Lennon Beasley for setting a new production record of 106 programs.

\*We will have another meeting at the courthouse to discuss technical gear needed for updating.

\*Sent in nominations for hometown media awards.

\*The library is looking into having a digital creativity center in the library. It is in the exploratory phase.

Eric – Wanted to follow-up, if you have heard from the city about the meeting with AT&T about carriage of PEG?

Michael – No, I haven't heard from the city, or AT&T.

**3. WTIU – No Report**

**V. Information from or about Video Service Provider – No Report**

## **VI. Old Business**

### **VII. New Business**

**Eric** – Comcast Billing

Suggestion to the public, check over you billing statements, be aware of the billing statements margin notes, not all are the same. You may be seeing notes that do not necessarily pertain to your bill.

**Carl** – When Eric contacted me about this. I checked our Comcast bill, which we received by email. The email bills are not itemized like the paper bills, so people may not be getting all the information.

**Eric** – BDU Advisory Committee

- The group was created in 2000/2001
- There has been discussion of the BDU Advisory Committee and the Telecom Council being inter-woven.
- Duane and Carl support the two being inter-woven.
- BDU meeting are open to the public.

**Duane** – Two months ago, we passed the forming of a committee to study what the telecommunications needs of the future will be. Has anything happened with that?

**Carl** – I feel once we get more members on this council, we will be able to lobby more for telecommunications.

**Eric** – I've continued to lobby for this, and work informally, in my research. I found many items in that 1997 report that are reflective in our proposal. Clarification is needed on what we can do to move forward. We don't need to spend time working on things that will just be buried or not acted on. Things need to move forward.

### **VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Carl for the meeting be adjourned.

#### **Next Regular Meeting**

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

Common Council Chambers in City Hall at the Showers Building  
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